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TENNESSEE BULLETIN NO. 190-04-2

SUBJECT: ECS – THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES FEDERAL EXPENDITURE ASSESSMENT - FY 2003

Action Required By: April 23, 2004

Purpose. To solicit annual threatened and endangered species expenditures for FY 2003.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2004.

National Headquarters has asked for an annual expenditure report to be presented to Congress on threatened and endangered species (federally listed) for FY 2003. In the past, these reports were taken from selected offices that had worked with Brad Bingham of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or had some stream-associated conservation practices that were being installed in a certain watershed. The following are questions that should be answered for the FY 2003 report:

- 1. Did you work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Partners for Wildlife Project in your county? If so, how many hours of your time would you estimate was spent on this project?
- 2. Did you work on any contracts (WHIP, EQIP, etc.) that received endangered species credit in the ranking? If so, how many estimated hours were spent on these contracts?
- 3. Did you have any conservation practices planned/installed with your technical assistance that stimulated a call to NRCS biologists in response to the TN-CPA-25 form?
- 4. Did you have any conservation practices planned/installed that resulted in a visit (telephone call) with the USFWS in Cookeville, Tennessee (informal consultation)?
- 5. Did you have any Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) or Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) work performed in streams known to contain federally listed species? If so, how many estimated hours were spent on this work?

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Responses to these questions should be sent to Mike Zeman, State Biologist, at mike.zeman@tn.usda.gov by no later than **April 23, 2004**. Negative responses are required.

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